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Miss Hattie Yates left on Monday for Spokane and other western points and will be absent a couple of months.

exams, which are at present going on. Some of us will surely have feathers for our sofa cushions in a few weeks, when the returns come in.

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W. P. FRANK,

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1903.

The Wilmer Board of Trade were not slack in entering their protest against the decision of the department in refusing to allow two mails a week by the boat. At their meeting last week immediate action was taken and the Post Master General, Inspector Dorman, W. A. Galliher, M. P., and the Golden Board of Trade were wired concerning the matter.

It is obvious that the Government is making a great mistake to begin the curtailment of expenditures in the mail department. In new districts like this it behooves the Governments to assist development as much as possible and for them to think of allowing a boat to come up the river without bringing the mail seems out of all proportions to the enterprise with which that department has been credited.

In view of the fact that the steady progress of this district warrants the belief that this summer will be the most active yet experienced, it would, indeed, be a serious matter to have the boat service cut off entirely and have only a service by stage. However, we hope to learn that the department have reconsidered the matter and will give this valley a mail service that will meet its requirements.

A report from Ottawa states that the Government proposes to grant a bonus to the lead industry conditionally that only lead ore smelted in Canada is to participate and that of the total amount paid in any one year two-fifths is to go to the Canadian smelters. As the Hall Mines and Trail smelters are the only two lead plants in the Dominion, the plan proposed if carried out would mean that two fifths of any bonus earned by the mines on ore sent to these plants would be handed over to them. Lead ore shipped out of the country would receive no aid, and the home smelters would have the market practically in their own hands and could regulate prices accordingly.

This has caused the mine owners to express bitter resentment and they are backed up by the people all over Kootenay by mass meetings. It is pointed out that the smelters agreed to give the lead producers a share of the bonus on lead refined in Canada, which they have not done, and the miners object to the Government giving any of the proposed bonus.

The executive of the Provincial Mining Association have taken the matter into consideration and have made representation to the Dominion Government by resolving:

"That this Association has learned with dismay that the Honorable the Minister of Finance for Canada has intimated in his budget speech that it is not proposed to make any changes in the duties on lead during the present session;

"That it earnestly hopes that it may yet be found possible to grant during this session the relief so urgently needed by a readjustment of the lead tariff on the lines of the petition of the silver-lead miners, which request has received the endorsement of representative bodies throughout British Columbia and in other parts of the Dominion of Canada;

"That this Association now urges that if for any reason the Government cannot take this action during the present session, assistance be given to the industry pending such readjustment, by means of a bonus of \$4 a ton on lead ore mined in Canada and exported in this case a substitute bonus of \$4 per ton of lead in ore which has been both mined and smelted in Canada and exported as bona fide lead ore in Canada, such bonus in each case to be payable to the miner or mining company producing the ore, supported by such declaration from purchasers, smelters or refiners or other satisfactory proof as may be considered desirable; it being however, emphasized that this is recommended as a temporary relief to be replaced by the protective duties asked for as soon as possible."

Small communities suffer much from a lack of unity caused by factions, raging from mild to virulent types. The life of small hamlets often centers between two rival business men, resulting in much of the—of necessity small—enthusiasm that should cause general advancement, being wasted in envious warfare. It is a law of dynamics that the result of two opposing forces of equal momentum is nil. In like manner the activities of small communities result in an endless, mild warfare with deadening results, socially, morally and in a business sense. But put all

those small forces in onedirection, and the good that could be accomplished is surprising. We have often heard the remark, which seems not altogether without foundation, that the slow development of our mining industry is due to this spirit of Canadians endeavoring to keep anyone from going too far ahead. In public business the same bad negative spirit exists. Perhaps two or three individuals think in them all wisdom dwells and unless each is the great center and fountain head his time is spent in endeavoring to tear down the work of the other. It seems to us that some of the noblest principles of life, that more than anything else makes man truly great, and in the long run makes one recognized as such, is not envy, but to always wish well, to sink one's little selfish purposes for another's or the public good. In the end this raises one higher than does the constant putting one's self first. In losing one's life one gains it. This applies to business as well as morals, to communities as well as individuals, and is as true scientifically as morally. Combine forces, have unity of purpose, be positive, and optimistic. The glory of Rugby, according to Tom Brown, was in team playing, as against individual games. More team play in every community is needed.—Marmora Herald.

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Attention Liberals!

Notice to the Liberals of Windermere District.

A meeting will be held in Wilmer, on Saturday, May 23, for the purpose of forming a Windermere District Liberal Association.

All Liberals are urgently requested to attend.

R. S. GALLOP,
Provisional Chairman.

OUR ORE
SHIPMENTS

Showing the number of pounds of ore shipped from the Windermere District, together with the value. Most of these figures are correct and the others are as close as it is possible to obtain them.

Mine	Pounds.	Value
Paradise	1,874,000	
" In transit	1,000,000	
Delphine	126,441	\$7,346.06
" In transit	135,500	
Ptarmigan Mines	102,000	
" In transit	108,000	
Kwanaka	4,000	
White Cat	5,000	
Silver Belt	20,500	1,456.00
M. T. Fraction	69,000	4,264.63
Bonyan	1,000	49.00
	4,126,477	\$13,115.69

Of all the passions, jealousy is that which exacts the hardest service and pays the bitterest wages. Its service is to watch the success of our enemy at our wages, to be sure of it.

Messrs. J. Hanna, Livingston, Brierley and Ferguson were passengers on the Ptarmigan Tuesday to the Old Mill.

E. Gahlgay came up the river from Golden to Hartman's camp.

STEAMER
BRINGS MAIL

As a result of the cyclone caused by the report that no mail was to be brought up on the boat this season, the Ptarmigan left Golden Tuesday morning with mail and arrived yesterday morning. It is learned that the telegrams sent to Ottawa were effective in showing that some of the head officials had neglected the instructions of the Department to have the mail delivered to the boat from Tuesday, April 28th. Yet the Department refuses to allow mail on the boat twice-a-week, but further efforts will be made to induce it to do so.

The warm weather of the past four days has caused the water in the river to rise a few inches and the Ptarmigan made good time on her last trip up. Capt. Armstrong states that from now on there will be no trouble in making good time.

Croppings

F. L. Snook and S. Brown left yesterday for Field.

T. H. Taylor, P. L. S., came down from the Ptarmigan Mines yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tins. Starbird and Mrs. Lewis left for Golden on the Ptarmigan yesterday.

E. T. Johnston is reported very ill at Sunshine ranch. Dr. Elliot has been at the ranch since Monday and the latest news is that Ed. is very low.

May 23d a meeting of Liberals will be held in Wilmer to form a Windermere District Liberal Association. See advt. in another column.

There will be gun and rifle matches at Golden May 25th, and a silver cup is offered as the gun prize. Special rates will be given on the Ptarmigan should any of the sports go down from this district.

H. M. Sackett, A. Butterfield and C. W. Starbird arrived in Wilmer yesterday on the Ptarmigan. Mr. Sackett is stated to be an engineer and is here for the purpose of erecting the tramway at the Ptarmigan Mines.

At the Liberal Convention held in Nelson last week the Nelson News says Windermere sent a proxy. Liberals are asking each other, "who authorized it?" and feel that they have been ignored and taken advantage of by some person.

There has been little or nothing accomplished by the Legislature during the past week. It is planned for a week to allow Oliver's investigation committee to finish its work and latest reports are that it has been adjourned for another week. It is impossible to give a report of the investigation in those columns that would be adequate, yet it is pleasing to note that our member, Hon. W. C. Wells, is more than holding his own and it is the opinion of Coast payers that are opposed to the Government that our member will prove that he has acted in good faith and is the honorable man his electors believed him to be.

Capital Will Flow In.

"The chief result of the action of the Legislature of British Columbia in repealing the two per cent tax on mine in the province, will be that a large amount of capital will be invested in the province," is the opinion of S. H. Miller, president of the Granby Consolidated Company, which, along with other mining companies, has been opposed to the tax. "American capitalists," he adds, "when they found out how the tax was levied, absolutely refused to put their money into any of the projects of the province. Now considerable English and American capital should find its way into the country. Companies have no objection to paying a fair tax, but they want it levied in a way that will not affect their labor and transportation, as has been the case up to the present."

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Dated at Wilmer, B. C., this 2nd day of May, 1903.

GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN
JOHN DE NOMIC.